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SUBJECT: VINOGRADOV'S MISSION TO JORDAN

1. GOJ-SPONSORED DAILY AR-RAYY MARCH 15 PRINTS
ACCOUNT OSTENSIBLY OUTLINING DETAILS OF CURRENT VISIT
TO AMMAN OF SOVIET GENEVA REMP VLADIMIR VINOGRADOV.
ACCORDING TO PAPER, VONOGRADOV IS IN AMMAN TO CONVINCE
JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA; LATTER
SHOULD BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VINOGRADOV QUOTED
AS SAYING THAT SOVIET GOV STILL CONSIDERS JORDAN TO BE
LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF WEST BANK, AND THAT "THE RESTORA-
TION OF THE WEST BANK IS LEGALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY THE
DUTY OF THE JORDANIAN GOV IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC
RESOLUTIONS IN GENERAL, ANS NO. 242 IN PARTICULAR.
THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK AFTER RESTORATION "LIES
WITH JORDAN." ENVOY FURTHER STATED THAT USSR WILL,
ON HER PART, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UN DECISIONS WHICH
SOVIET GOV HAS APPROVED BEFORE.

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WM AR-RAYY QUOTES GOJ AUTHORITIES AS ANSWERING THAT JORDAN FULLY INTENDS TO ABIDE BY RESOLUTIONS OF RABAT CONFERENCE, INSISTING AGAIN THAT JORDAN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA DUE TO FACT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PALESTINIANS NOW LIES WITH PLO. JORDAN, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PLO.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN SOVIETS' WELL-KNOWN FAVORITISM OF PLO REGARDING PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE, WE FIND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SOVIETS WOULD HAVE MADE ABOVE POINT THAT USSR CONSIDERS JORDAN "LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF OCCUPIED WEST BANK". WHILE FACT THAT VINOGRADOV REPORTEDLY ASKED JORDANIANS TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ITSELF MAY COMPLICATE SOVIET-PLO RELATIONS, WE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT GOJ MAY HAVE ADDED ABOVE INFO REGARDING WEST BANK REPRESENTATION AS A MEANS OF FURTHER EMBARRASSING SOVIET-PLO RELATIONS.
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